

# Academics on the Move

## NOTIONS OF EXILE, RE-MIGRATION AND TRANSLOCAL SOLIDARITY

### Organized by

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This research-oriented interdisciplinary seminar seeks to critically examine historical as well as current perceptions and discourses about academics who, due to institutional, structural or political constraints, were forced to leave their home country and seek exile elsewhere. In contrast to well-known artists or authors, exiled academics are often at the margin of inquiries into their specific situation and self-positioning. The seminar therefore strives for a deeper understanding of their specific situation and self-representation. Students will form research teams of five to seven persons and carry out their own empirical research explorations into these topics. They will be supervised by teacher tandems and specialize in one of three focus areas:

### Focus area 1:

*Academics and identities on the move? The role of (social) media in processes of identity construction* (Co-supervisors: **Prof. Dr. Özen Odağ**, Touro College, and **Dr. Olga Hünler**, Universität Bremen)

### Focus area 2:

*(Transnational) Networks in Exile - Topics, Discourses and Advocacy* (Co-supervisors: **Prof. Dr. Carola Richter**, Freie Universität Berlin, and **Dr. Amal El-Obeidi**, Universität Bayreuth)

### Focus area 3:

*Cities of academic exile and their translocal networks* (Co-supervisors: **Prof. Dr. Nadja-Christina Schneider**, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, and **Prof. Dr. Nil Mutluer**, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin)

The seminar reaches beyond disciplines and institutions and blurs the line between teaching and research. It gives students the opportunity to carry out their own empirical research projects, under close guidance of co-supervisors. In the end, students will present their research results as part of a multimedia exhibition.

The seminar will be structured in clearly defined work phases of preparatory blended learning, joint workshop sessions as well as empirical research. In between, the three research teams will have regular consultation sessions with their respective teacher tandems (either face-to-face or via video call).

### Timeline and work phases:

**21-22 June 2018** (HU Berlin): Introduction to research-oriented studying & discussion of research topics

**July-October 2018**: In-depth research phase for groups; regular consultations with supervising teacher tandems

**12-13 October 2018** (FU Berlin): Discussion of preliminary results & planning for concluding symposium and exhibition

**October-December 2018**: Preparation for final presentations

**14 December 2018** (Touro College): Concluding symposium and opening of exhibition

We are looking for highly motivated MA students of Social Sciences and Humanities with a keen interest in research-oriented learning and interdisciplinary team work.

**Please note:** The research seminar will be awarded with 10 ECTS, please check with your examination office or coordinator if it can be included as an elective course in your MA program.

Interested students should apply until 22 April 2018 at [medialitaet \[at\] asa.hu-berlin.de](mailto:medialitaet@asa.hu-berlin.de) (Birgit Hecht) with a PDF document including (in English language):

- Cover letter with contact information and choice of one of the three focus areas
- Letter of motivation (max. 2 pages) stating the particular interest in the project and focus area, personal expectations of a research seminar and experiences with team work
- Short CV emphasizing main study areas and interests

**Successful applicants will be informed by email before May 10, 2018.**

Please scan QR code for detailed information about the three focus areas and application modalities, or go to:  
<https://www.iaaw.hu-berlin.de/de/querschnitt/medialitaet/interdisciplinary-research-seminar>

